BY adding to

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 157A(17)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses Section 157F(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The proper maintenance of the automobile is essential to the conservation of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Maryland rely on service stations for the maintenance of their automobiles; and

WHEREAS, Some major oil companies have been eliminating full-service station operations by converting them to gasoline-only outlets; and

WHEREAS, Dealers with full-service stations have served their clientele faithfully for many years and have established goodwill within their communities and with the citizens of the State of Maryland whom they serve; and

WHEREAS, Those travelers who travel through the State of Maryland must be assured of the availability of road service or emergency service for their safety and protection; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of the State of Maryland have voiced their needs by patronizing full-service stations for decades and would be placed at a severe disadvantage if these stations were unavailable; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

157F.

(a) (1) Every motor fuel wholesaler, diesel fuel seller, heating oil distributor, manufacturer, refiner, jobber, and retail service station dealer before marketing gasoline and special fuels shall register with the